

**Hyndland Secondary School** 

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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been widely reported that the UK and Scottish Governments have moved to the 'delay phase' in response to the spread of Coronavirus. Therefore, I am writing to inform you of our contingency plans if the Scottish government takes the decision of a blanket school closure.

While there is no plan to close the school, we do have plans in place to continue learning using online tools. Most classes make use of these during the normal course of the year and should be familiar with them. Your child has been asked to ensure they know:

- How to log into Glow students in S1-S5 did this when they were issued with their iPad in
  January/February so should be familiar with this. Their Glow username can be found at the back of
  their personal iPad. Some departments / teachers may use TEAMS and/or Google classroom, which
  your child may be familiar with. If you child has any issues logging into Glow, please ask them to
  speak to any member of staff in the school who will be able to assist with this. Glow Guide
  <a href="https://glowconnect.org.uk">https://glowconnect.org.uk</a>
- How to use Show my Homework (SMHW).
- How to access and store work on their One Drive (for those students in S1-S5, the Glow One Drive can be accessed via an app on their iPad).

In the event of a closure, staff will be on-line and will direct pupils to work through SMHW as our main channel of communication as well as Glow TEAMS. Both of these have the facility to support a dialogue so that questions can be answered, work can be marked and returned. If you child does not have access to the internet at home, please contact the Pupil Support Team or email the school and we will make paper copies available or make other arrangements.

## **SQA Year Groups**

If your child is in S4-S6, preparations for the SQA will go ahead as scheduled as per the communication from SQA on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020. If this changes, we will be in communication with yourselves and your children.

All staff have been asked to complete a range of evidence, in the way we usually would, to support any child who is ill on the day of the exam. All pupils and staff have been asked to focus on preparation for the SQA diet starting on the 27<sup>th</sup> April and not to speculate around possible changes.

If the school does close, we will ensure any necessary paperwork including individual pupil timetables which detail additional assessment arrangements will be posted home.







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To allow us to focus on maintaining the safety of our young people and our staff and to allow us to provide appropriate supports at this challenging time, we will be postponing and potentially cancelling the following events:

- S2 Parents Meeting due to take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March
- S3 Tracking Reports due w/b 30<sup>th</sup> March.

We will provide an update on any rescheduling as appropriate in due course.

We appreciate that this is a very anxious time for everyone, but please be assured we are continuing to plan to deliver a quality education and we will continue to monitor the situation very closely and follow the relevant guidance from Glasgow City Council, NHS Scotland and the Scottish Government. The information in this letter is up-to-date at the present minute, but you will understand that this can change very quickly as guidance is amended.

Should you wish to discuss anything in particular, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher in the first instance.

Thank you for your support as always,

Yours sincerely,

Louise Edgerton Head Teacher



